

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0074

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE
LOS ANGELES REGION INCORPORATING A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR
NITROGEN COMPOUNDS AND RELATED EFFECTS IN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER
AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

WHEREAS:

1. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted the revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) under Resolution No. 94-07 on June 13, 1994. The revised Basin Plan was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on November 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 23, 1995.
2. On July 10, 2003, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 2003-009 ([Attachment 1](#)) amending Chapters 5 and 7 of the Basin Plan by establishing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nitrogen compounds and related effects in the Los Angeles River and its tributaries (Nitrogen TMDL).
3. SWRCB staff found that provisions of the amendments, as adopted, warrant minor non-substantive clarification of the language and, therefore, requested such clarifications. Regional Board Resolution No. 2003-009 delegated to the Regional Board Executive Officer authority to make minor, non-substantive corrections to the adopted amendments, if needed, for clarity or consistency. The Regional Board Executive Officer has made the necessary corrections to the amendment by memorandums received on September 23, 2003 ([Attachment 2](#)) and October 8, 2003 ([Attachment 3](#)).
4. SWRCB finds that the Nitrogen TMDL is in conformance with the requirements for TMDL development specified in section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act and SWRCB [Resolution No. 68-16](#).
5. The Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
6. SWRCB finds that these Basin Plan amendments are in conformance with Water Code section 13240 which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans.
7. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL. In addition, TMDLs must be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and a Notice of Decision must be filed with the Secretary of the California Resources Agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SWRCB:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Regional Board Resolution No. 2003-009 as corrected by the Regional Board Executive Officer.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment and the administrative record for this action to OAL and the TMDL to USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the SWRCB held on November 19, 2003.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debbie Irvin", is written over a horizontal line.

Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board